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I1. Poloff Cunningham met with MFA Latin America DeskOff Christiaan Vandriessche and provided demarche and information on CAFC. Poloff explained the Commission as proactive and transparent approach to preparing for inevitable transition to take place in Cuba after Castro. Vandriessche acknowledged Belgians are hopeful for democratic transition after Castro even though they currently have open relations with Cuba. He was skeptical of the ability or political will of opposition. Poloff stated CAFC could serve as impetus to these groups in push for democratic reform.

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